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SUBJECT: ANTI-AMERICANISM IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS: HOW MUCH  
DAMAGE?

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN REPORTING THE SEVERAL ANTI-AMERICAN  
THEMES CURRENTLY DOMINATING THE DREADFULLY IRRESPONSIBLE  
GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS. WE HAVE DONE SO IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL  
TO DOCUMENT THE FULL FLAVOR OF VENOMOUS AND ORCHESTRATED  
ATTACK ON US FROM ALL POINTS IN THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM.

2. ONE QUESTION IS OF WHAT EFFECT THIS CAMPAIGN IS HAVING  
ON GREEK CYPRIOT ATTITUDES. BY OUR LATEST READING, THE  
ANSWER IS: PROFOUND. FRUSTRATED, ANGERED YOUTH IS PRE-  
DICTABLY ALL-BELIEVING. DANGEROUSLY, THIS HAS OPENED  
TREMENDOUS RECRUITING OPPORTUNITIES IN SCHOOLS FOR EXTREMIST

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DR LYSSARIDES AND HIS PARTY. HE HAS EXPLOITED THESE

OPPORTUNITIES WITH GREAT SUCCESS. A RELIABLE POLITICALLY BALANCED TEACHER AT NICOSIA'S ELITE HIGHER TECHNICAL INSTITUTE REPORTS THAT COMBINATION OF PRESS CHARGES AGAINST US AND LYSSARIDES' ABILITY TO PUMP POISONOUS PROPAGANDA INTO SCHOOLS THROUGH HIS POLITICAL MACHINE HAS PRODUCED A STUDENT BODY DETERMINED TO USE ANY SORT OF VIOLENCE TO REAK VENGEANCE ON US. IN TERMS OF THE FUTURE OF CYPRUS, OUR SOURCE IS PERSONALLY HORRIFIED AT CONSEQUENCES OF THIS COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF BETTER EDUCATED YOUTH.

3. OF GREATER CONCERN TO EMBASSY IS CHANGING ATTITUDES OF OPINION LEADERS PREVIOUSLY REGARDED AS OBJECTIVE, MODERATE AND PRO-US (AS WAS ISLAND AS A WHOLE BEFORE EVENTS OF SUMMER 1974). AS RECENTLY AS A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, THIS KIND OF INDIVIDUAL STILL HOPED THAT WITH ACTIVE US ASSISTANCE, SOME SOLUTION SHORT OF COMPLETE CAPITULATION COULD BE FOUND. NOW, WHILE THEY ARE TOO INTELLIGENT TO TAKE AT FACE VALUE THE MOST ABSURD CHARGES AGAINST US, THERE IS A PERCEPTIBLE AND RAPIDLY GROWING HOSTILITY TO US. THE REASON SEEMS TO BE THAT WHILE WE CAN KNOCK DOWN MOST INDIVIDUAL ACCUSATIONS NOW BEING LEVELED AGAINST US, WE CANNOT DEAL WITH THEM ALL. EVEN THE BEST OF GREEK CYPRIOTS COME UP WITH THE CONVICTION THAT US IS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN INSIDIOUS COVERT ACTIVITY IN CYPRUS AIMED AT RAMMING TURKISH MILITARY VICTORY UNDILUTED DOWN GREEK THROATS FOR REASONS OF US POWER POLITICAL INTERESTS IN TURKEY. AS WE HAVE REPORTED, THESE CRITICISMS OF US ALMOST INVARIABLY FOCUS ON PERSON AND ALLEGED ATTITUDES OF SECRETARY KISSINGER.

4. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL STRONG CONVERSATIONS WITH MAKARIOS AND OTHER GOC LEADERS ON DIFFICULTIES FOR US, AND ULTIMATELY FOR GOC, IN LETTING LOOSE THIS KIND OF ANTI-AMERICAN GENIE. WE HAVE RECEIVED STATEMENTS OF UNDERSTANDING AND EVEN ASSURANCES THAT GOC WILL WORK TO CURB THIS MOUNTING PHENOMENON. UNFORTUNATELY, EACH REPRESENTATION SEEMS TO BE FOLLOWED, AS IF IN DIRECT REPLY, BY A NEW THRUST MORE NASTY THAN THE LAST.

5. SINCE HE CAN CONTROL RADIO/TELEVISION, AND BY ADMISSION OF HIS OWN SUBORDINATES, CERTAIN KEY NEWSPAPERS, WE HAVE

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LONG SINCE CONCLUDED THAT MAKARIOS WAS ORCHESTRATING THIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST US. QUESTION THEN ARISES, TO WHAT PURPOSE? WE JUDGE THERE MAY BE SEVERAL ANSWERS.

(A) MAKARIOS, WE THINK, WELL UNDERSTANDS THAT THE THEATRICS OF INTERNATIONALIZATION WILL NOT GET TURKISH TROOPS OUT OR REFUGEES BACK. HE MAY HAVE CONCLUDED THAT NO PATH CAN PRODUCE A SOLUTION WHICH HE COULD REGARD AS POLITICALLY POS-

SIBLE TO SIGN. THEREFORE, TO DEFLECT THE WRATH AND FRUSTRATION OF HIS GREEK CYPRIOT COUNTRYMEN AWAY FROM HIMSELF, HE NEEDS A DEUS EX MACHINA SCAPEGOAT AND IS CASTING THE US IN THAT ROLE.

(B) WE ESTIMATE THAT MAKARIOS MAY HAVE REACHED CONCLUSION THAT BROADER US INTERESTS INVOLVED IN THIS PROBLEM ARE UNLIKELY BE HELPFUL TO HIM, I. E. THAT WE WILL BE CONCERNED TO PRODUCE ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN, AND REINFORCE OUR FRIENDSHIPS WITH, GREECE AND TURKEY; THAT US WILL SEE ITS PRIMARY INTEREST AS LYING WITH TURKEY; AND THAT THESE CONSIDERATIONS WILL TAKE PRIORITY OVER PREOCCUPATIONS OF GREEK CYPRIOTS.

(C) MAKARIOS MAY HAVE DECIDED, FURTHER, THAT HE REALLY DOES WANT AN EXPANDED SOVIET PRESENCE IN CYPRUS, IN THE FORM OF NAVAL VISITS AND OTHER SYMBOLS OF A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP AS A HOPED-FOR DETERRENT TO FURTHER TURKISH MILITARY MOVE. WE KNOW THIS HAS BEEN URGED ON MAKARIOS BY MANY OF HIS UNSAVORY ADVISORS.

(D) IF (C) IS VALID, A PROLONGED, CONCERTED FOMENTING OF ANTI-AMERICANSIM COULD BE SEEN BY MAKARIOS AS BEING IN HIS INTEREST TO SILENCE CONSERVATIVES WHO WOULD OTHERWISE CERTAINLY OPPOSE HIS MOVES TOWARDS USSR.

(E) FINALLY, MAKARIOS MAY HAVE DECIDED THAT IT IS POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT TO MOVE AGAINST CONTINUED BRITISH RETENTION OF SBA'S. IF SO, MANY OF THE ANTI-AMERICAN THEMES THAT HE IS CURRENTLY FANNING WELL SERVE THIS PURPOSE.  
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